

SECRETARY OF STATE BRIAN P. KEMP GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF BARBERS

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Update from the Director

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The last quarter of the year is one of the busiest processing times for the staff at PLB. We have twelve different license types in renewal during the period along with a number of December graduates applying for various licenses. For existing license holders, our on-line renewal process allows us to process in excess of 92% of our renewals with very nominal staff involvement. It also provides our customers with a process that is fast, efficient, paperless and accurate.

For the new graduates, we now have 32 on-line applications available for those applying for their first license with us. This enables some new graduates to go on-line, register, apply for licensure and pay their fees. This paperless system allows the staff to process applications much quicker to the benefit of the applicant who can receive their license and go to work much

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faster than in the past. We are planning more online applications for the near future.

As we begin the year 2010, we will continue to offer more services on-line and strive to improve our processing times. For license holders, please keep your personal information up to date and accurate so our transactions with you can be faster and more accurate.

About the Board

The Georgia State Board of Barbers consists of six members: five barbers and one consumer member. Typically, the Board meets bi-monthly for regular business and citation hearings. Board meetings and citation hearings are open to the public with the exception of executive session in which confidential matters such as complaints, disciplinary items, and applications are discussed.

The Board is responsible for reviewing applications, administering examinations, licensing qualified applicants and regulating the professional practice of licensees throughout the state. Applicants for licensure must meet the required educational and training requirements before they are allowed to sit for the practical and written examination. In addition, shops are inspected and complaints are investigated to determine whether or not disciplinary action by the Board is warranted.

Minutes from the Board meetings may be found on the Board's website at www.sos.ga.gov/plb/barbers.

2010 Meeting Dates

May 10, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.
July 12, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.
September 13, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.
October 4, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. *Citations only*November 8, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

The Board meets at the Professional Licensing Board Office in Macon.

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Board Members and Staff

David Jones, *Chairperson* – Perry, Ga.

Virgil Ergle, *Vice-Chairperson* – Snellville, Georgia

Lorena H Barrios – Augusta, Georgia

Richard Mullis – Macon, Georgia

Charles Manning – Dublin, Georgia

Winston Strickland – Cartersville, Georgia

Lisa Durden Executive Director Georgia State Board of Barbers

Active Licensees

Master Barber: 5,824 Barber Apprentice: 330 Barber Shop: 1,746 Barber School: 13 Barber Instructor: 18

Expiration Dates

years

Barber Instructors – June 30 of odd numbered years

Barber Schools – June 30 of odd numbered years

Barber Shops – June 30 of odd numbered years

Master Barbers - December 31 of even numbered

"It is illegal to practice barbering with an expired license"

Actions Taken by the Board

January: The Board voted to deny the following applications for licensure:

- Joseph Frazier, Albany
- Langston Deary, Avondale Estates
- William Asa Hopkins, Macon
- Kevin Morian, Riverdale
- Tretsky Merrell, Waycross
- Shaun Stewart, Sr., Waycross

The Board voted to uphold citations against the following establishments:

- Uppercuts Barbershop, Atlanta
- Legends Barber & Accessory Shop, Atlanta
- Doc Hollywood's Barber Shop, Columbus
- All Cuts, McDonough
- Top Cut Barbershop, Smyrna

- Best Cutz 1 Barber/Beauty, Stockbridge
- Kapital Kutz, Warner Robins

The Board voted to uphold citations against the following establishments but reduce the fine:

- Uppa Cuts Styling Studio, Atlanta
- Faze 3 Hair Salon, Brunswick
- Instyle Cutz, Perry
- Magic Kuts & More, Valdosta

The Board voted to dismiss citations against the following establishments:

- Upper Level, Atlanta
- The Spot, Columbus

The Board voted to reschedule hearings related to citations against the following establishments:

Tony's Barber Salon, Atlanta

The Board voted to accept the following consent orders:

- Christopher Golatt, Stockbridge: consent agreement for licensure
- Richard Byron Williams, College Park: consent agreement for renewal

The Board voted to accept fine payments from the following establishments:

- The Best of Both Worlds, Alpharetta
- Simply Faith Barbershop, Atlanta
- Omar's Barber Shop, Augusta
- Klose Kutz Barbershop, Columbus
- Olga Hair Salon, Macon
- Jones Barbering & Styling, Milledgeville
- Wayne Washington, Valdosta

The Board voted to ratify cease and desist orders from the following individuals or establishments:

- Andre Allen, Atlanta
- Scissors Palace Barbershop, Columbus
- Maxx Styles, East Point
- Crossroads Barber Shop, Griffin
- Derek Fuller, Kingsland
- David P Henson, Mableton
- Selwyn K Byer, Perry
- · Antonio Louis Napier, Perry
- Big Boyz Barbershop, Rome

March: The Board voted to deny the following applications for licensure:

- Robert D. Reed, Atlanta: Barber Apprentice/Initial
- Raymond Corder, Broxton: Master Barber/Endorsement
- Eugene Hendrix, Buford: Master Barber/Endorsement
- Aaron Martinez d/d/a Servicio Primavera, Dalton: Barbershop/Initial
- Phyllis Howard, Macon: Master Barber/Reinstatement
- Craig L Davis d/b/a Razor's Barbershop II, Pine Mountain: Barbershop/Initial
- Anthony Sellers, Florence, SC: Barber Instructor/Endorsement

The Board voted to release the following license from suspension for non-payment of a student loan:

Kendrick K. Walker, Waynesboro

The Board voted to suspend the following licenses pursuant to requests from the Department of Human Resources for non-payment of child support:

- Daniel Clark, Lithonia
- Julius Taylor, Loganville

The Board voted to dismiss the following citation:

Good Phellaz, Sandy Springs

The Board voted to dismiss citations and flag files on the following individuals or establishments:

- Sharp Impressions Barber & Beauty Salon, Atlanta
- Midtown Barber-Styling Shop, Columbus
- The Spot, Columbus
- Dacoe Investments d/b/a Executive Cuts, Decatur
- Gotcha Faded, Decatur
- Chancy, Elliott Lamar, Douglasville
- Extravagant Cuts Unisex Salon, Griffin
- CC's International Barber Shop, Jonesboro
- Razor Cuts, Lagrange
- Tom's Barber Shop, Royston
- Bush and Barnes Barber Shop, Savannah
- · Diamond Designz, Savannah
- · Headmasters Barber Shop, Savannah
- Time To Shyne, Savannah
- Tangles Barber & Beauty Salon by Valerie, Smyrna
- Nick's Barber Shop, Stone Mountain
- Professional Barber & Style Center, Stone Mountain

The Board voted to accept payment on the following past due citations:

- · Real Deal Barbershop, Atlanta
- · Before and After, Thomson

The Board voted to uphold the following past due citations:

- Roberson & Son Barber, Cochran
- Upscales Barber Shop, McDonough
- · Innovations Barber Shop, McDonough
- Van's Barber Shop, St. Marys

The Board voted to uphold the following past due citations but reduce the fines:

- · Vantastic Cuts, Austell
- Miami Cutz Barber & Beauty, Canton
- David's Den His/Hers, Mableton

The Board voted to dismiss the following past due citation:

• Royal Barbershop, Roswell

The Board voted to accept the following consent orders:

- William Alonzo Baugh, Atlanta: Consent Agreement for Licensure
- Leo Scott Hatfield, Albany: Consent Agreement for Licensure
- Mario Davis, Augusta: Consent Agreement for Licensure
- Garyeon Boykin d/b/a King Kutz Barbershop, Carrollton: Consent Agreement for Licensure
- Richard Byron Williams, College Park: Consent Agreement for Renewal
- Shauntu Hamilton, Hampton: Consent Agreement for Licensure by Endorsement
- John Poythress, LaGrange: Consent Agreement for Licensure
- Vincent Lee Ringer, Lithonia: Consent Agreement for Licensure
- Christopher Golatt, Stockbridge: Consent Agreement for Licensure
- Jesse Gardner d/b/a Knock Out Barber Shop, Waycross: Consent Agreement for Licensure

Because of the small number of pending cases, the Board will not conduct citation hearings on April 12, 2010. These cases will be heard on May 10, 2010.

License Renewal Process

How do I renew my license?

You may renew your license on the Professional Licensing Board website with a credit card. Click on the License Renewal icon and follow the instructions. You will be asked a series of questions including whether you have been arrested, convicted of a crime or received a board sanction since the last renewal, whether you have completed your continuing education requirements, and whether you are a U.S. citizen. Renewing your license via the website is the fastest way to renew your license. You may renew your license online at www.sos.ga.gov/plb/.

The Professional Licensing Boards do not mail paper renewals unless requested. A paper renewal form may be requested by the licensee either by calling the Board office at 478-207-2440, or by submitting a written request.

Disciplinary Issues:

The Board addresses these issues on a case by case basis, and the Board takes these matters very seriously and applies sanctions to those who violate the Georgia Barbering Practice Act, Board rules, and policies. It is important that licensees review all laws, rules and policies that affect their profession. These may be found on the Board's website at www.sos.ga.gov/plb/barber.

All public disciplinary actions will be reflected in the Board minutes which may be found on the Georgia State Board of Barbers website.

Grounds for denial, suspension, revocation of a license, or other disciplinary actions may be found at O.C.G.A. § 43-7-23 and at O.C.G.A. § 43-1-19. State laws and Board rules may be found on the Georgia State Board of Barbers website

Complaint Process Information

The Georgia General Assembly created the Georgia State Board of Barbers to regulate the licensing and practice of cosmetology. The responsibility of administering the laws in O.C.G.A. § 43–7 is given to the Board, whose members are appointed by the Governor. This Board determines if applicants meet licensure requirements, promulgates rules, and considers complaints against licensees and allegations of unlicensed practice. The process for disposing of complaints is as follows:

Complaint Form:

Complaints must be reported to and received by the Board in writing. Written complaints may be submitted to the Board office or be submitted on-line at http://sos.georgia.gov/myverification/submitcomplaint.aspx. Documents received in connection with a complaint will not be returned. The complaint must contain sufficient factual evidence indicating a clear violation of Georgia law or Board rules.

Investigations:

The Board gives serious consideration to all complaints. Further investigative action may be taken. Should you file a complaint, you may be contacted by a Board inspector or investigator for additional information. Investigative files are considered confidential for any purpose other than a hearing before the Board. However, the Board is authorized to release such records to another enforcement agency or lawful licensing authority.

Notification Process:

While the investigation is ongoing, the Board is unable to discuss the status of a complaint with anyone, including the complainant. When the Board has completed the case, the complainant will be notified in writing of the Board's actions. All public disciplinary actions will be reflected in the Board minutes which may be found on the Board's website.

Frequently Asked Questions

The Board list of frequently asked questions is available on the Board's website. If you cannot find an answer to your question, you may contact the Board office at (478) 207-2440.